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## CELEBRATE HUMIARIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP MONTH

NUMEROUS FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES CREATED -- Budapest, Nepszava, 15 Feb 52

Between 18 February and 4 April 1952, Hungarian-Soviet Friendship Month celebrations will be held in Budapest and the provinces to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the signing of the Soviet-Hungarian friendship and mutual assistance pact and the seventh anniversary of the liberation of Hungary. As a part of the celebrations, there will be a Soviet Film Festival as well as fine arts and book exhibitions.

To promote Soviet-Hungarian understanding, numerous friendship societies were created in Hungary. Szolnok County, where every town now has a Soviet-cieties.

SOVIET CULTURAL DELEGATION IN BUDAPEST -- Budapest, Magyar Nemzet, 17 Feb 52

A Soviet cultural delegation, heried by K. I. Skryabin, Stalin Prize winner and member of the Academy of Sciences USSR, arrived at Budapest to participate in the Hungarian-Soviet celebrations. Members of the delegation are: G. M. Orlov, Stalin Prize winning architect; G. Y. Wikolayeva, Stalin Prize winning writer; N. A. Vishilin, deputy chairman of the All-Union Society for Cultural Relations Abroad; F. M. Kuznetsov, Stalin Prize winning factory manager; V. P. Kucher, Stalin Prize winning mining combine operator; M. V. Volkonskaya, textile factory worker; M. A. Bukin, machine station director.

An artist delegation, headed by I. I. Martinov, music critic, was also sent to Budapest with the following members: S. N. Shaposhn kov and N. N. Silvestrova, Stalin Prize winning opera singers; I. D. Cystrakh, violinist; T. N. Guseva, V. Y. Vladimirova, and G. S. Maksimova, pianists; and Ya. P. Slobodkin, cellist.

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Manager V. A. Klisin and art director L. L. Kristiansen of the Ural State Theater, leading 85 members of the theater, also arrived at Budapest.

SPEAKERS ATTACK ANGLO-AMERICAN IMPERIALISM -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 15 Feb 52

On 18 February, a gala performance was held at the Budapest Opera House. Jozsef Darvzs, Minister of Education, was the principal Hungarian speaker. He emphasized that the mutual assistance pact between the USSR and Hungary ensures forever the freedom and independence of the Hungarian people.

He contin d: The Hungarians are in the camp of peace-loving nations who are defending the freedom of the peoples against the imperialist beasts. Due to the generous help of the USSR, the Hungarians have never been so strong during their whole history as today. According to the West, Hungarian culture is under the influence of the USSR. This is not true: Hungary's culture has never been more original and pure than now. The imperialists do not tolerate the culture of small peoples, because it stands in the way of their conquest. For the imperialists, a small nation is an exotic place on which they wish to dump their "cultural" contraband. On the other hand, the Soviet civilization helps the Hungarian people, and it is rapidly becoming an integral part of Hungary's cultural life.

K. I. Skryabin, head of the Soviet cultural delegation, pointed out that the Anglo-American imperialists are increasing their armaments program and thus are heading toward an economic collapse. In the meantime, he said, the Soviet people are carrying out in practice a huge program resulting in the creation of the basis for material-technical Communism.

His speech continued: Peoples of the Soviet Union are engaged in peaceful creative work, but, at the same time, are watching with great alertness the machinations of the capitalists, and are ready to defend their Socialist homeland against the aggressors. The Hungarian-Soviet Society deserves great credit for its pioneering work. Due to its activity, tens of thousands of persons are studying the Russian language in Hungary, thus furthering the close cultural relations between the two countries.

OPEN RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE COURSES IN BUDAPEST -- Budapest, Szabad K.p, 19 Feb 52

To commemorate Hungarian-Soviet Friendship Month, 56 Russian-language courses, sponsored by the Hungarian government, were opened in Budapest.

SOVIET CULTURAL DELEGATE VISITS KECSKEMET PRODUCERS' COOPERATIVE -- Budapest, Szabad Mep, 22 Feb 52

K. I. Skryabin paid a visit to the "Dozsa" producers' cooperative at Kecskemet. He stated that Soviet experts are anxious to share their experience and knowledge with Hungarian agriculturists. After his return to Budapest, Skryabin visited the National Institute for Public Health, while M. A. Bukin, Soviet machine station director, participated in a conference held at the Ministry of Agriculture.

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